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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:)
 SHIRAKI et al) Art Unit: 3681
 Serial No.: 09/462,755) Examiner:
 Filed: January 14, 2000)
 For: REINFORCING MATERIAL, METHOD)
 OF PRODUCTION THEREOF,)
 REINFORCING/REPAIRING METHOD)
 USING THE REINFORCING)
 MATERIAL, REINFORCING/)
 REPAIRING STRUCTURE, AND)
 STRUCTURAL ELEMENT)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(2)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the examiner consider and cite of record, in connection with the captioned application, each of the 12 Japanese language publications listed on the attached. Copies of the 12 publications are submitted herewith along with an English language abstract thereof.

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The examiner will note that the first four listed references are those cited in the International Search Report, a copy of which is also submitted herewith.

With the exception of Kokai 6-166554, the remaining (6) references are those discussed at page 5 of applicants' specification and the examiner's attention is directed to that

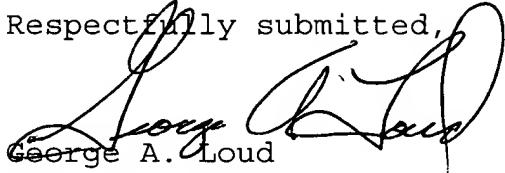


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teaching for a statement of the relevance thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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